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LOCAL BOARD BUSY REVISING DRAFT MEN

Large Numbers From Classes Two, Three And Four To One.

Acting upon orders from the Provost Marshall General's office the local exemption board began, Monday, a reclassification of more than fourteen hundred men now on the draft list.

According to the Provost Marshall too many men were placed in deferred classes in Ohio county, and the board is directed to revise the entire list, under rules prescribed by the Marshall's office. At the rate the board is proceeding now, between 300 and 400 men will be changed from classes two, three and four to class one. Changes made by the board up to Wednesday night are:

James Austin, Rockport.
Steven Z. Arnold, Olaton.
Arthur Allen, Renfrow.
Joseph Albin, Balzetown.
Heber G. Austin, Beaver Dam.
Clyde Arnold, Horse Branch.
Tom Ashby, Fordsville.
Rollie G. Ashby, Centertown.
Frank Atherton, Centertown.
Hubert F. Ashby, Centertown.
Eldie M. Aull, Fordsville.
J. J. Blankenship, Beaver Dam.
Wm. E. Blanford, Simmons.
John L. Basham, Hartford.
Alva Bean, Centertown.
Roscoe H. Baird, Hartford.
John A. Bennett, Louisville.
Willie Burden, Fordsville.
Ercil Blankenship, Beaver Dam.
John W. Blanchford, Centertown.
Jesse L. Burgess, Prentiss.
Oscar M. Barch, Cromwell.
Marvin C. Baird, Booneville, Ind.
Ray Baugh, Beaver Dam.
Chas. R. Bell, Washington.
John Bennett, Simmons.
Coffee John Burgess, Cromwell.
Ben F. Burden, McHenry.
Clarence Bartlett, Hartford.
Arthur Bales, Hartford.
Shelby D. Bossett, Centertown.
Felix E. Brown, Hartford.
Edward Baize, Simmons.
Gerry H. Barnes, Rockport.
Jesse Bartlett, Hartford.
Clinton Boyd, Centertown.
Godfrey Bennett, Hartford.
Joe W. Barrett, Narrows.
Herbert G. Bell, Livia.
Chas. M. Baxley, Sunnydale.
Joseph R. Baize, Renfrow.
Alonso F. Bellamy, Fordsville.
Geo. C. Coppage, Dundee.
W. S. Coppage, Dundee.
Arthur W. Card, Anoka, Minn.
Lawrence Coy, Balzetown.
Nacy Crowe, Narrows.
Lloyd Clark, Select.
Rollie Conder, Hartford.
Henry D. Chapman, Centertown.
Othel Chapman, Hartford.
Jesse Kissinger, Deanfield.
Edward Craig, White Run.
Stonewall Cook, White Run.
Alva Chapman, Hartford.
Clarence Evans, Fordsville.
William R. Edge, Whitesville.
Andy Elder, Hartford.
Tilford V. Chapman, Hartford.
Earl P. Chick, Beaver Dam.
Clay O. Cooper, Hartford.
Martin Canary, Hartford.
Vinson Crowe, Hartford.
David H. Cooper, Hartford.
Willie Corley, Fordsville.
Gordon Chinn, Beaver Dam.
Marion Ford, Hartford.
Wm. C. Faught, McHenry.
Edward Free, Fordsville.
Eunice Farmer, Narrows.
Walter Foster, Hartford.
Estlin Fulkerson, Rockport.
Steven L. Fraley, Vanceburg.
G. E. Fugua, Dundee.
Norval Faught, Cromwell.
Byron L. Foster, Hartford.
Wilbur Faught, Central City.
Martin Farmer, Fordsville.
Ira D. Funk, Hartford.
David E. French, Prentiss.
Ceel Fulkerson, Ceralvo.
Luther Faught, Equality.
Ray Faught, Smallhous.
Lennie J. Brown, Centertown.
Jacob H. Brown, Rockport.
Claude S. Brown, Rochester.
Horley L. Barnes, Rockport.
Sam J. Brown, Whitesville.
John J. Bozarth, Leitchfield.
James G. Bell, Livia.
Ben H. Bennett, Hartford.
Herman Barr, Hartford.
Lorenzo Acton, Hartford.
Oscar W. Allen, Beaver Dam.

Clark Ashby, Centertown.
Delmer C. Adams, Beaver Dam.
Newt J. Allen, Renfrow.
Isaac S. Ashby, Centertown.
Joe R. Dodson Centertown.
Charlie C. Day, Narrows.
Wavy S. Daugherty, Simmons.
Willie P. Davison, Narrows.
Claude B. Davis, Horse Branch.
Clyde C. Durham, Centertown.
Espey Daniel, McHenry.
Frank Everly, Centertown.
Charlie Daniel, Fordsville.
Otha Dodson, Livia.
Ray Dunn, Cromwell.
Alex C. Davis, Beaver Dam.
Antony Daniel, Hartford.
Grannon Daugherty, McHenry.
Otis Duff, Narrows.

BIG ROAD WORKING.

Notwithstanding the very busy season of the year there was a big turn out to work the roads Friday, and much effective work was accomplished. Especially that part of the road between Hartford and Pleasant Ridge was materially improved, and it is now possible to drive over it with speed and comfort. The pike between Hartford and Beaver Dam came in for its share of improvement. A quantity of crushed stone was hauled out from Beaver Dam and the holes and ruts were filled up. A tractor was used on this section of road to pull a grader, and the good result is apparent to travel over this section of road. Everywhere, from Green River church to Pleasant Ridge, the mud holes and bridges were put in a good state of repair, and the effect of this days work will show for months to come. A little later, when farm work is in better condition, another road working day will be called, and the road from Green river, through Centertown, Hartford, Dundee, Fordsville and on to the Hancock line, will be worked. At these roadworkings the Fiscal court will furnish the necessary stone, lumber and other material for use by the army of volunteer road workers. Those interested in good roads should begin now to interest the public in the great road working day ahead.

SOCIAL COURTESY.

If we quarreled with all the people who abuse us behind our backs, and began to tear our eyes out as soon as we set ours on them, what a life it would be, and when should we have any quiet? Abuse me, and I will abuse you; but let us be friends when we meet. * * * My back is at my neighbor's service; as soon as that is turned let him make what faces he thinks proper; but when we meet we grin and shake hands like well-bred folk, to whom clear linen is not more necessary than a clean, sweet-looking countenance, and a nicely got-up smile, for company — Thackeray.

PUT IN GUARD HOUSE.

When sheriff Bratcher delivered the deserters, Ode Wilson and Earl Ford, to the Provost Marshal's office, at Camp Taylor, last week, they were each closely questioned about their reasons for desertion and a record made of their answers after which they were sent to the guard house. The officer in charge told us the lowest penalty for desertion in time of war was ten years at hard labor in a federal penitentiary. However, civilians familiar with the handling of such matters at the Camp said that for youths of their ages choice was sometimes given between the penitentiary sentence and immediate embarkment for France. We do not know if this latter information is reliable.

GIRL WITH \$10,000.

Miss Vina Hoops, nineteen years old daughter, of Mr. Thomas Hoops, of Cool Springs, came to Hartford Monday, and on her motion Hallie Elliott was qualified as her guardian to handle her estate of \$10,000 she will receive as the beneficiary of an insurance policy made in her favor by her brother, a soldier in the national army, who recently died at Camp Hattiesburg, Miss. The Hoops family are poor but excellent people, and \$10,000 will appear quite a sum of money to the young lady. Miss Hoops is a modest little girl, rather pretty, and we hope she may derive the best possible benefit from the small fortune that will come into her hands. She will receive from the government \$57.50 each month until she has drawn the total sum.

THE WAR WEEK IN EUROPE.

The war week in Europe was productive of two world-interest events, the great Italian drive of the Austrian army from the western bank of the Piave, in which the Austrian losses are estimated at more than two hundred thousand men in killed wounded and prisoners, and the speech of the German Foreign Secretary in the Reichstag, in which the admission was made that Germany could not win the war by the force of arms, and said that peace must come by negotiation. The overwhelming defeat of the Austrian army may fairly be expected to destroy the little spirit remaining in the Austrian empire, and it is doubtful if ever again an Austrian army will make a serious attempt to force its way into Italy. Austria is war-weary and starving, and it is doubtful if the day of internal revolution can be much longer staved off by its military rulers.

Secretary von Kuehlmann's speech produced a profound sensation in Germany, and it is reported that he has tendered his resignation. Von Kuehlmann's speech is regarded as a diplomatic breaking of the news, to the German nation to prepare for a humiliating peace. Though not actually starving, as are the people of Austria, the German people are hungry, and the German national spirit is breaking under the strain of the deferred hour of victory. Western front inactive.

HELP WANTED.

Our idea of a local newspaper is, the largest possible volume of local news. We take it, that people buy a county paper chiefly for its weekly history of county events. We are anxious to chronicle such events, but to do so we must first get them from the people who know them. We are doing all our limited energy and industry can do to make a newspaper according to our ideal, and we want to ask every citizen who has knowledge of any event that is in anyway out of the ordinary course of happenings to report it to us. The news field is practically inexhaustible. There are enough actual news happenings in Ohio county every day in the week to make a daily paper, if they were reported, and we want to enlist the co-operation of every citizen in the county in the matter of reporting the news from his or her community. Too many people have a notion that "Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of 'Somewhere' is visiting the family of Mr. Brown," is about all the news worth reporting. The coming and going of people, especially of well-known people, is real news, but there are other events occurring in every neighborhood almost every day that are really news. Births, deaths, marriages, fires, accidents, farm sales, business deals of magnitude, new buildings erected, storm damage, crop conditions, and a multitude of other events that attract local attention are real news. Perhaps the simplest rule for determining news is, if the neighbors are telling it with interest to one another report it to the newspaper. This office has both telephones, and we will gratefully appreciate the favor if people who know anything that comes under the rules mentioned will call us up and report it.

VERY LITTLE POLITICS.

There is very little boiling in the political pot in Kentucky just now, but what little there is centered in the senatorial race. Senator James will have opposition for the nomination of his party, in the person of ex-Congressman Kimball, of Lexington, but there is some anxiety felt about the Senator's physical condition. He has been in a Baltimore hospital for several weeks, and despite rosy reports of his improvement he remains in the hospital.

For the first time in the history of Republican politics in Kentucky there is a contest for the nomination for United States senator. This condition comes about because of a hopeful feeling of electing a Republican to the Senate this year. Dr. Ben L. Bruner, of Louisville, and Judge B. J. Bethurum, of Somerset, are the contestants. Dr. Bruner goes into the race handicapped with the opposition of his home county, Jefferson, and if mountain counties stand by Judge Bethurum, as it is claimed they will, the contest will be an unequal one.

CRAZY MAN SUICIDES.

Tom Kannady, of Coolsprings, who was adjudged a lunatic about a month ago, and sent to the asylum at Hopkinsville, committed suicide at that institution Saturday, by hanging himself. His body was brought home, Monday, for burial. Kannady's condition was believed at the time he was sent to the asylum to be very serious, and his friends did not expect him to return home alive.

OIL TRACE FOUND.

A trace of oil was struck on the Wallace farm, near Dundee, early Wednesday morning, at a depth of about three hundred feet. Work on the Wallace well was started several weeks ago, but little progress was made until Harold Holbrook bought the drilling outfit, fired a bunch of employees, and started drilling in earnest.

The Blue Lick water which was struck at about six hundred feet in the Hartford oil field was found at a depth of two hundred and seventy-five feet in the Wallace well. This would indicate that the oil sand would be reached at a depth of three hundred feet less in the Wallace well than in the Hartford field. This water is substantially the sulphur water at Sulphur Springs. The depth at which the Blue Lick water has been found indicates an ascent of strata in that direction, more indicative of oil than the Hartford field.

The people drilling at Olaton have had much trouble with their machinery, and are making slow progress.

AN EYE TO BUSINESS.

According to the story of Ernest Mayfield, who was recently arrested by the sheriff of Daviess county on a warrant from the Ohio county court charging him with shooting Dennis Hoagland, the Daviess county sheriff has an eye to business. Mayfield alleges that after his arrest the sheriff informed him that he would have to pay the expenses of the trip to Hartford, and claims he did pay the sheriff \$5.00. This is the first instance of which we have heard where a man arrested for crime was required to pay his own expenses to court for trial.

ASSESSOR'S DEPUTIES.

The assessor, or rather the county tax commissioner, as the new law has it, has appointed his deputies for the work of assessing, which will begin this year July 1. The deputies with their territorial assignments are:

L. B. Loney, of McHenry, Centertown and Rockport magisterial districts.

C. C. Carter, of Narrows, Narrows, Sulphur Springs and Shreve precincts.

T. D. Owen, of Heflin, Heflin precinct. Mr. Owen will probably accept some other territory, later.

E. B. Finley, of Balzetown, Arnold, Select, Horse Branch, Olaton, Rosine, Cromwell and Prentiss precincts.

Floyd Keown, of Fordsville, territory not yet determined.

Will Brown, of Hartford, territory not yet assigned.

Tax commissioner's deputies are all experienced in the work of assessing, are capable men, and will perhaps make the best assessment ever made in the county.

RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Hawaiian Octette, a band of native Hawaiian musicians touring the country in the interest of the Red Cross, gave an entertainment at McHenry Tuesday night, and a tidy sum was raised for the Red Cross treasury. Hartford people attending the entertainment speak in the highest terms of the artists of the little western island. Hartford people who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Simmerman and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Murphree, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Riley, Misses Mattie Duke, Clara Robertson, Winnie Davis, Simmerman, Beulah Palmer, and Messrs. A. D.

Kirk, Estill Park, Gooddell Wooten and John Ad. Howard.

NOCREEK WEDDINGS.

Rev. Harper, pastor of Nocreek church, went home with Joe Thomason for dinner Sunday, and just after the noon meal Dorris Martin and Miss Adella Stewart drove up in an auto and called upon Brother Harper to perform the nuptial service. The young couple joined right hands and made the customary vows without alighting from the machine, and after receiving the preacher's blessings, went on their way rejoicing. A few minutes later Herman Richardson and Miss Myrtle Hudson drove up in a buggy and helioted the Rev. Harper for a marriage service. They were married while sitting in the buggy, and were dismissed with the ministerial blessing. Thomason says what is worrying him is that Brother Harper will now be at his house for dinner every fourth Sunday.

ASSOCIATION DISBANDED.

With the Grand Master, Simon Smith, and Supreme Locker-Keeper, Gene McCulloch, called to military service, the Kentucky Frog Hunters Association has temporarily disbanded. Grand Master Smith confided the signs and pass words to the writer before boarding the train for Camp Taylor, Wednesday morning, with instructions to keep the gig, the great seal of the association, burnished and sharp. This organization is famous on the waters of Rough river from the mouth of Caney Creek to the confluence of the waters of Rough River with those of Adams Fork. For many years these famous frog hunters have broken the midnight stillness of these parts with the slow, stealthy stroke of the dingy boat oar, and pierced the inky darkness with the light of the carbide lamp.

The coming of the members of the Association was the annual event for the sport-loving citizens of the territory visited, and many was the citizen who toasted his feet at its congenial evening camp fires. Simon and Gene are princes of good fellowship and many will be the prayers to go up from the citizens of the frog lands for their safe return from the war fields of France.

THIEF ROBS STORE.

A thief put one over on the high cost of living, here Monday night. He entered the store of the American Co-operative Association sometime during the night and helped himself to provisions. Among the articles missing were about fifty pounds of sugar, four sacks of flour and a dozen bars of soap. Perhaps other articles were stolen but those mentioned were the only ones the manager could feel certain were missing. The thief entered the building by a window, the lock on which had been broken for several days.

PETIT JURY EXCUSED.

Judge Slack has asked sheriff Bratcher to notify the petit jurors summoned for the July term of circuit court not to appear for service. On account of the busy season with the farmers the Judge thought it better to let litigants wait upon the adjudication of their differences than to take the farmers out of their crops to perform jury service, and will have no jury trials at the term of court beginning Monday. The grand jury will appear for service as usual, but will be held for a brief session.

LAKE DIVISION RED CROSS ORGANIZATION

There are 2,680 Red Cross organizations in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. The summary of the organizations by States is as follows: Ohio, 108 chapters, branches 523, auxiliaries 721; Indiana, 105 chapters, branches 341, auxiliaries 384; Kentucky, 144 chapters, branches 188, auxiliaries 166.

GOT MOVE ON ORDER.

The gang of tramp evangelist that recently infested Hartford, went on to Fordsville, where in their first service they attacked a well known Ohio county citizen for no good reason, and were given the move on order, which they promptly heeded. Ignorance and fanaticism commit many travesties in the name of religion.

AUSTRIA SWAMPED BY ITALIAN ARMY

Losses Total 200,000 In Battle On The River Piave.

Washington, June 25.—A dispatch to the Italian embassy from Rome today confirmed the announcement yesterday that prisoners taken by the Italians in the fighting at the Piave numbered 45,000. This includes some 12,000 or 15,000 captured during the past week before the Austrian offensive was turned into a rout.

Paris, June 25.—Austrian losses totaled 200,000 men, according to the Secolo, of Milan. Certain enemy divisions lost two-thirds of their effectives.

A dispatch to the Matin from Turin says that the rout of the Austrians is complete and that the Piave has carried away many Austrian dead. Italian cavalry, it is added, have advanced beyond the eastern bank of the river.

French newspapers continue to acclaim the Italian victory. Hope is expressed that Gen. Diaz, profiting by the demoralization of the enemy, will not confine the fighting to local actions, but will strike out boldly into an offensive and transform the Austrian retreat to the Piave into a decisive victory.

Several newspapers wonder whether the Germans will rush help to the Austrians by transferring forces from the western front. L'Homme Libre believes that such action is scarcely probable, as Emperor William and Von Hindenburg are convinced they cannot obtain a decision, except on the front from Switzerland to the sea.

London, June 25.—The extent to which the Italian pursuit of the Austrians across the Piave has developed is not known here, and no detailed reports have been received bringing events up to date.

A statement current in London yesterday that the Italians had taken 45,000 prisoners is said by the morning newspapers to be confirmed by the Italian embassy. The same statement is attributed to Premier Orlando by the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The same correspondent quotes the Giornale D'Italia as saying that the troops of Archduke Joseph and Gen. Wurm are virtually surrounded and must surrender or be annihilated.

The view in military circles is that the defeat of the Austrians is so crushing that it will be impossible for the enemy to repeat his offensive on a serious scale for several weeks. One of the causes for the Austrian disaster is said to have been faulty judgment in placing their reserves, by which they failed to be brought up at a critical moment to meet the clever strategy of the Italians.

So strongly is the Piave line now held by the Italians, say military critics, that it will be impossible for the disorganized enemy armies to retake it, and there is not the slightest fear that they again will try to cross the river. It is said they staked everything on this offensive and threw all their forces in it. Thirty-seven divisions have been identified as being in the battle.

OFF FOR THE WAR.

Ohio county sent twenty-seven more soldiers to Camp Taylor Wednesday. This makes the total number of Ohio county boys now in Camps or in France about 400. The boys sent Wednesday were the list published in this paper last week, except H. C. Stearnsman, of Horse Branch, who is in Pennsylvania, and a Blackburn boy, of Ceralvo, who is in Muhlenburg county, and had not received his notice. Both of these boys will be sent on to the camp within a few days. Delbert Barnard, of Hartford, and Mike Crain, of Horse Branch, voluntarily took the places of the two absent men. The boys going Wednesday were in the best of spirits, and appeared anxious for the trip. They left over the M. H. & E., via Owensboro. As usual there was a big crowd at the depot to tell the boys good bye, and wish them a pleasant journey and a safe return.